

REMARKS

Claims 1-70 are pending in this application. The Office Communication mailed March 9, 2006 states that Applicants' Provisional Election Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 with Traversal, filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 12, 2005, was not fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 11, 2005 ("Restriction Requirement"). In particular, the Examiner states that Applicants did not elect a particular inflammatory or autoimmune disorder as a species as required by the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, Applicants are required to elect a particular inflammatory disorder or autoimmune disorder from those recited in claims 46 and 47 or on pages 42-43 of the specification of the present application as a species.

In response, Applicants elect rheumatoid arthritis as the disease species. The status of the pending claims in view of the election made herein is presented in the listing of the claims section of this response.

Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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